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HMM... HER DRAWINGS ARE GORGEOUS, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...
BUT PAST THAT, I DON'T REALLY GET THE STORY, AND THE CHARACTERS DON'T REALLY DO MUCH FOR ME...
I know right
It's a bit dubious if you ask me
SO?
HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT HASHIBA AKANE'S MANGA?
BY THE WAY, I ALSO READ THE MANGA OF THAT GUY WHO WAS WITH YOU, AOI.
IT WASN'T BAD AT ALL, BUT I CAN'T SAY THAT HIS ART IS WELL SUITED FOR MOE...
BUT IT STILL SELLS BETTER THAN MY SERIES, SO IT'LL ONLY COME OUT AS SOUR GRAPES.
WELL, I CAN CALL IT MEDIOCRE ALL I WANT...
Hmmm
BUT HER AMATEUR WORK IS ALREADY PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.
I COULDN'T READ HER MANGAS SINCE SHE HASN'T DEBUTED YET...
THEN WAS... HAGUMO MURASAKI, HUH.
HE PROBABLY SHOULD STAY WITH HIS USUAL STORIES.
YEAH, I THOUGHT THE SAME.

AND ON TOP OF HER WORK...
THE COSPLAY PHOTOS OF HERSELF, THAT SHE SELLS, HAVE MADE HER QUITE POPULAR, LIKE AN IDOL...
OOH!!
TRUE, THAT GIRL WAS SUCH A BABE, AND HER BREASTS WERE A WORK OF ART!
I so want to see her cosplay~

SHE HAS UPLOADED QUITE OF LOT OF PICTURES, AND REALLY, THEY'RE ALL BEAUTIFUL.

HUH?!
YET YOU HAD TO GO LOOK AT THEM, HUH?
...SAY, I DON'T THINK COSPLAY AND SUCH HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE PRETTY DRAGON CUP.

ERR... HEY, IT DOES HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT!
THE VICTOR WILL BE DECIDED BY VOTES, SO WE HAVE TO KNOW HOW MANY FANS SHE HAS!
AND HOW DOES DROOLING OVER HER COSPLAY PHOTOS HELP US WITH THAT?
BACK WHEN I ASKED YOU ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE TYPE OF MOE, YOU SAID YOU HAD NO INTEREST IN THAT STUFF...
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE A KNOCKOUT GIRL COSPLAYING EXCITES YOU PLENTY, DOESN'T IT?
Ugh...
But I couldn't help it, I really wanted to see them...
SPEAKING OF WHICH...
HUH?
NOW THAT YOU SAY IT!
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SO THAT'S ONE TYPE OF "MOE"?!
OH...
AND ABOUT HAGUMO MURASAKI, YOU CAN READ HER MANGAS ALREADY.

YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY JUST TO BUY THAT?
OH NO, IT'S ONE THAT I BOUGHT BY CHANCE A WHILE AGO.
DO YOU BUY PORN THE SAME WAY YOU GO BUY YOUR LUNCH?
YEAH, WHAT OF IT?
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THIS IS A FUCKING HENTAI!!!
SO?
...IT'S ACTUALLY GOOD.
WELL, HENTAI DOESN'T USUALLY HAVE A WHOLE LOT OF PLOT.
NOT SURE IF I CAN FORGE AN OPINION BASED ON IT...
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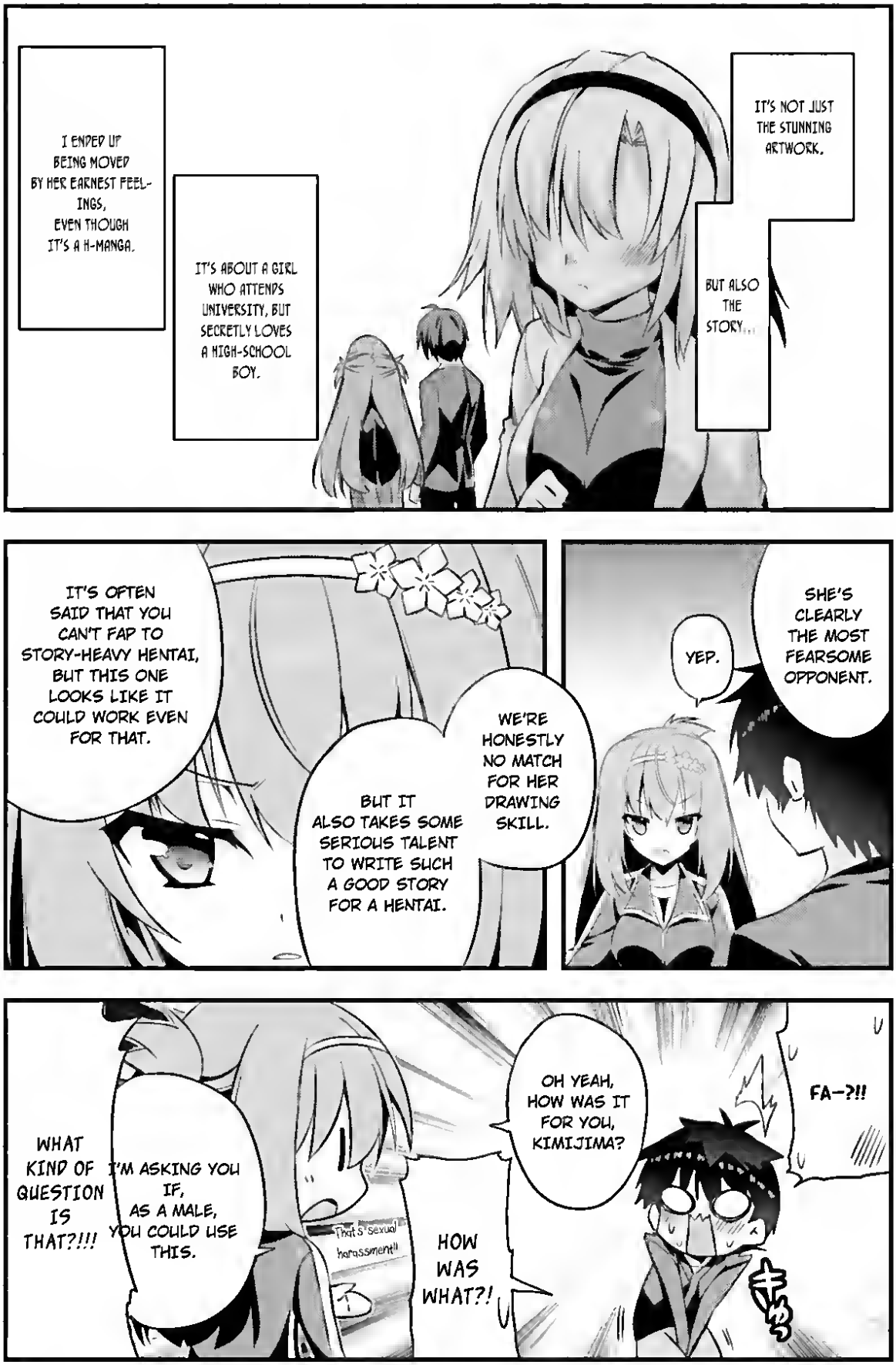
I ENDED UP BEING MOVED BY HER EARNEST FEELINGS, EVEN THOUGH IT'S A H-MANGA.
IT'S ABOUT A GIRL WHO ATTENDS UNIVERSITY, BUT SECRETLY LOVES A HIGH-SCHOOL BOY.
IT'S NOT JUST THE STUNNING ARTWORK,
BUT ALSO THE STORY...
IT'S OFTEN SAID THAT YOU CAN'T FAP TO STORY-HEAVY HENTAI, BUT THIS ONE LOOKS LIKE IT COULD WORK EVEN FOR THAT.
BUT IT ALSO TAKES SOME SERIOUS TALENT TO WRITE SUCH A GOOD STORY FOR A HENTAI.
WE'RE HONESTLY NO MATCH FOR HER DRAWING SKILL.
SHE'S CLEARLY THE MOST FEARSOME OPPONENT.
YEP.
WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT?!!!
I'M ASKING YOU IF, AS A MALE, YOU COULD USE THIS.
That's sexual harassment!!
HOW WAS WHAT?!
OH YEAH, HOW WAS IT FOR YOU, KIMIJIMA?
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SHE HAS US BEATEN IN TERMS OF ART.
SO WE'LL HAVE TO WIN THIS THROUGH THE STORY AND THE CHARACTERS...
IF THAT'S HER LEVEL, IN A MANGA LIKE THIS...
WHO KNOWS WHAT SHE'S CAPABLE OF, WHEN THERE'S AN ACTUAL FOCUS ON PLOT...
BUT WILL THIS MANGA... REALLY BE ENOUGH FOR THAT?!

IS THERE REALLY NOTHING WE CAN IMPROVE?!
IS THIS REALLY THE BEST WE CAN DO?!
DONE!
COULD YOU READ THIS?
Wh- What's going on?
JUST BE QUIET!!
HUH?! WHY ARE YOU DRAWING A STORYBOARD ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
WHAT?
BUT T HIS PAGE IS ALREADY AT THE INKING STAGE...
I THINK THEY FLOW BETTER LIKE THIS.
THE 10 PAGES FROM HERE TO HERE...

I KNOW, BUT JUST READ IT.
.....!
...THIS STORY-BOARD...
HM?
...NOTHING.
BUT YOU MAY BE RIGHT, IT DOES LOOK BETTER.
HOWEVER, THE DEADLINE IS IN TWO WEEKS, AND NEXT WEEK WE HAVE OUR END-OF-TERM EXAMS.
IF WE GO ALL THE WAY TO REDRAW THESE PAGES, WE MIGHT NOT MAKE IT IN TIME!
AS PROFESSIONALS, THERE WOULD BE NOTHING MORE SHAMEFUL!

I'M NOT GONNA LIE, WHEN I READ HAGUMO-SENSEI'S MANGA...
I COULDN'T TELL FOR SURE IF WE WERE GONNA WIN.
YOU MUST HAVE THOUGHT THAT WE SHOULD REDO OUR PAGES AS WELL, RIGHT?
KIMI-JI-MA...
.....
AND I WANT
TO RAISE OUR CHANCES OF WINNING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!

SO WE'LL HAVE TO SHOW HER THE UPDATED VERSIONS AND MAKE HER ACCEPT THEM!
OKAY. LET'S REDRAW THEM!
WE'LL START WITH THE SKETCHES RIGHT AWAY.
THERE'S NO WAY SAOTOME WILL JUST APPROVE OUR REDOING OF 10 WHOLE PAGES...
HELLO, MS. SAOTOME?
WE WANT TO TWEAK THE STORYBOARD A BIT, ACTUALLY...
IT WILL BE A TOUGH BATTLE TO MEET THE DEADLINE...
BUT...
THANK YOU, IKOMA-SENSEI...!
I'M ALSO GONNA SKIP SCHOOL.
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KIMIJIMA, CALL EMILY AND TELL HER TO COME HELP US ON EVERY FREE DAY SHE HAS!

I WANT TO TAKE FIRST PLACE...
TOGETHER WITH IKOMA-SENSEI, NO MATTER WHAT!
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DEADLINE!! BRING IT TO YUJIN! BEFORE HE'S!

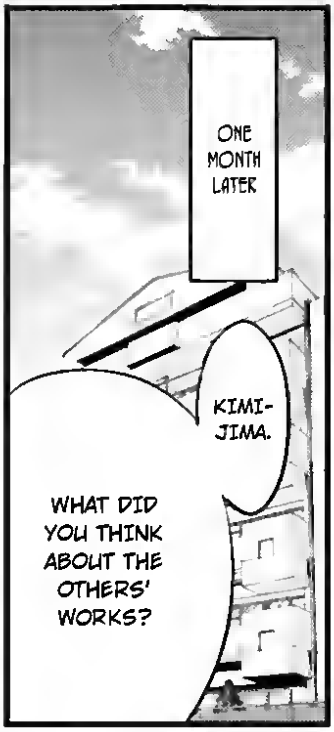
YOU DID A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF IMPROVING THE MANUSCRIPT WITH SO LITTLE TIME!
THIS MIGHT REALLY BE A CONTENDER FOR FIRST PLACE!!

WELL... THAT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, BECAUSE YOU TOLD US OF THE DEADLINE...

YOU'VE WORKED REALLY HARD, YOU TWO.
I'LL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF HOW THINGS ARE GOING, SO YOU CAN REST ALL YOU WANT.
Y...
YES...

THE OTHER DAY, I WAS REALLY DUBIOUS WHEN YOU DECIDED TO REDO 10 PAGES OUT OF NOWHERE...
BUT THAT SCENE WHERE THE HEROINE'S MOTHER, WHO WAS OPPOSED TO HER DAUGHTER BECOMING AN IDOL ALL THIS TIME, FINALLY ACKNOWLEDGES HER EFFORTS...
ADDING IT PRODUCED A GOOD VIBE.

YEAH... ABOUT HASHIBA...
LIKE HER PREVIOUS MANGA, YOU COULD SAY IT WAS FOCUSED ON THE MOOD.
THE DESIGNS AND DRAWINGS ARE BEAUTIFUL, BUT THAT'S ABOUT IT...

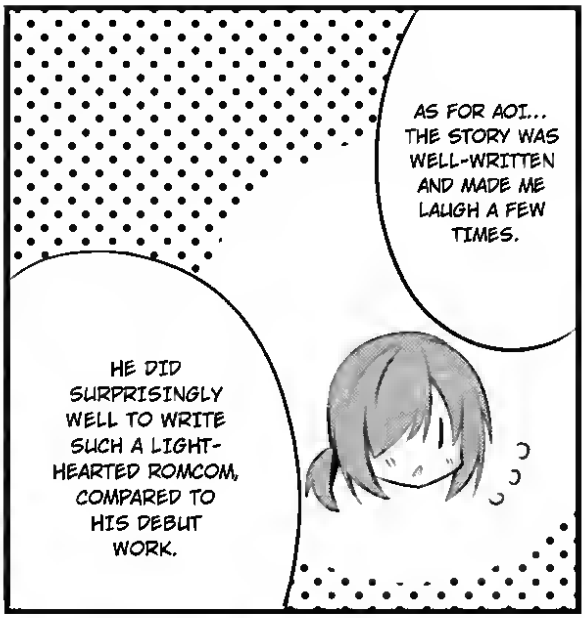

ONE MONTH LATER
KIMIJIMA.
WHAT DID YOU THINK ABOUT THE OTHERS' WORKS?

I THOUGHT THE SAME AS YOU.
HER FEMALE CHARACTERS ARE WAY TOO BASIC. THERE ISN'T A SLIVER OF MOE IN THEM!
KUKUKUKU...?
THAT GIRL DOESN'T GET IT AT ALL!

SURE, THE GIRL LOOKS CUTE AT FIRST GLANCE, BUT THERE ISN'T MUCH DEPTH BEYOND THAT...

SHE FALLS FOR THE MC FOR NO REASON, TO BOOT...
HMPF. I SEE THAT YOU'RE GETTING THE GRASP OF WHAT MOE IS ABOUT.

YEAH, I DOUBT IT CAN APPEAL TO THE READERS OF THE PRETTY DRAGON.
BUT... YOU CAN'T SHAKE OFF THE FEELING THAT HIS ARTSTYLE ISN'T MADE FOR IT.


AS FOR AOI... THE STORY WAS WELL-WRITTEN AND MADE ME LAUGH A FEW TIMES.
HE DID SURPRISINGLY WELL TO WRITE SUCH A LIGHT-HEARTED ROMCOM, COMPARED TO HIS DEBUT WORK.

LAST, WE HAVE...
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BUT HIS EDITOR'S SUGGESTION TO WRITE A MOE SERIES MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN VERY WISE...
I'D LIKE HIM TO DO HIS BEST SINCE WE'RE IN THE SAME BOAT...

OMAE WO RIAJUU
SHITEYARU KARA,
ORE WO
KU N
HAGUMO-SENSEI'S MANGA...
THAT ONE'S NOTHING TO LAUGH AT, HUH.
ASAKI

...
I WONDER IF WE CAN BEAT THAT...
AND THE FANSERVICE SCENES WERE ALL DRAWN WITH AN INCREDIBLE VIGOR. THAT'S PRETTY HIGH LEVEL STUFF.
YEAH.
SHE NAILED ALL OF THE CLASSIC ELEMENTS IN A SCHOOL-LIFE MANGA.
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YES!
IKOMA HERE!
DON'T WONDER IF WE CAN.
WE'LL WIN FOR SURE!
SAOTOME SHOULD CALL US SOON TO INFORM US ON THE CURRENT POLLS...
RIIIIIIIING

SENSEI... WHAT'S GOING ON?
HM...
YES.

...HUH?

THIRD?!
FIRST IS HAGUMO MURASAKI.
SECOND IS HASHIBA AKANE...
WE'RE THIRD, AND AOI IS IN LAST.

SO FAR...
WE'RE AT THIRD PLACE.
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WE'RE LOSING EVEN TO HASHIBA ...?
UGH...

HASHIBA AKANE POSTED A MESSAGE ON TWITTER AND PIX*V.
"I'LL GRANT ILLUSTRATION REQUESTS AMONGST THOSE WHO VOTE FOR ME OR HAVE RETWEETED."
OR SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES...
DO... DON'T YOU HAVE AN ACCOUNT ON THOSE THINGS?
I personally don't
I'M NOT REGISTERED ON EITHER, SO NO.
I DID HAVE A TWITTER ACCOUNT BEFORE, BUT FOR SOME REASON...
I WAS BOMBARDED WITH COMMENTS AND SAOTOME TOLD ME TO PUT A KIBOSH ON IT.
IS THAT... SO...
What kind of message did you write, exactly?
Hah...
THIS IS BAD...
AT THIS RATE, MY PLAN TO GET THAT PERSON TO ACKNOWLEDGE HER MANGA IS GONNA BE...
DING DONG

SORRY TO INTRUDE, MATSURI.
AH...!
MOM..?
WHO IS IT ...?
CRAP, DON'T TELL ME...!
...!
UH...
HOW SURPRISED I WAS...
WHEN I DISCOVERED WHAT KIND OF VULGAR MANGA YOU WERE DRAWING.

I MAY GET AHEAD OF MYSELF, BUT...
DID YOU AT LEAST READ... THE MANGA THAT IKOMA-SENSEI WROTE?
ERM... MADAM!
...?!
HOW DID YOU ...?!
TO THINK THAT MY DAUGHTER COULD WRITE SOMETHING SO UNHEALTHY...
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, KIMIJIMA?!
.....
UM...
FROM WHAT I READ, THE WINNER IS DECIDED BY A READER POLL, RIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU RANKED, NOW?
...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SENT THIS MAGAZINE TO OUR HOUSE, AREN'T YOU?
I'M SORRY, BUT THE LITTLE I SAW WAS SUCH AN EYESORE THAT I DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER.

BUT THIS IS ONLY THE CURRENT STATE, WE STILL DON'T KNOW HOW IT WILL CHANGE.
SO FAR... WE'RE AT THE THIRD PLACE.
...
WELL...
...
THIRD...
OUT OF FOUR?
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HAH... REALLY, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU THROW IN THE TOWEL.
THAT JUST MEANS YOU WEREN'T CUT OUT FOR IT, DON'T YOU THINK?

PRETTY
ERM...!
...
THIS IS YOUR DAUGHTER'S WORK...!
PLEASE...
TRY TO READ IT, EVEN JUST ONCE.
...SAY ALL YOU WANT...

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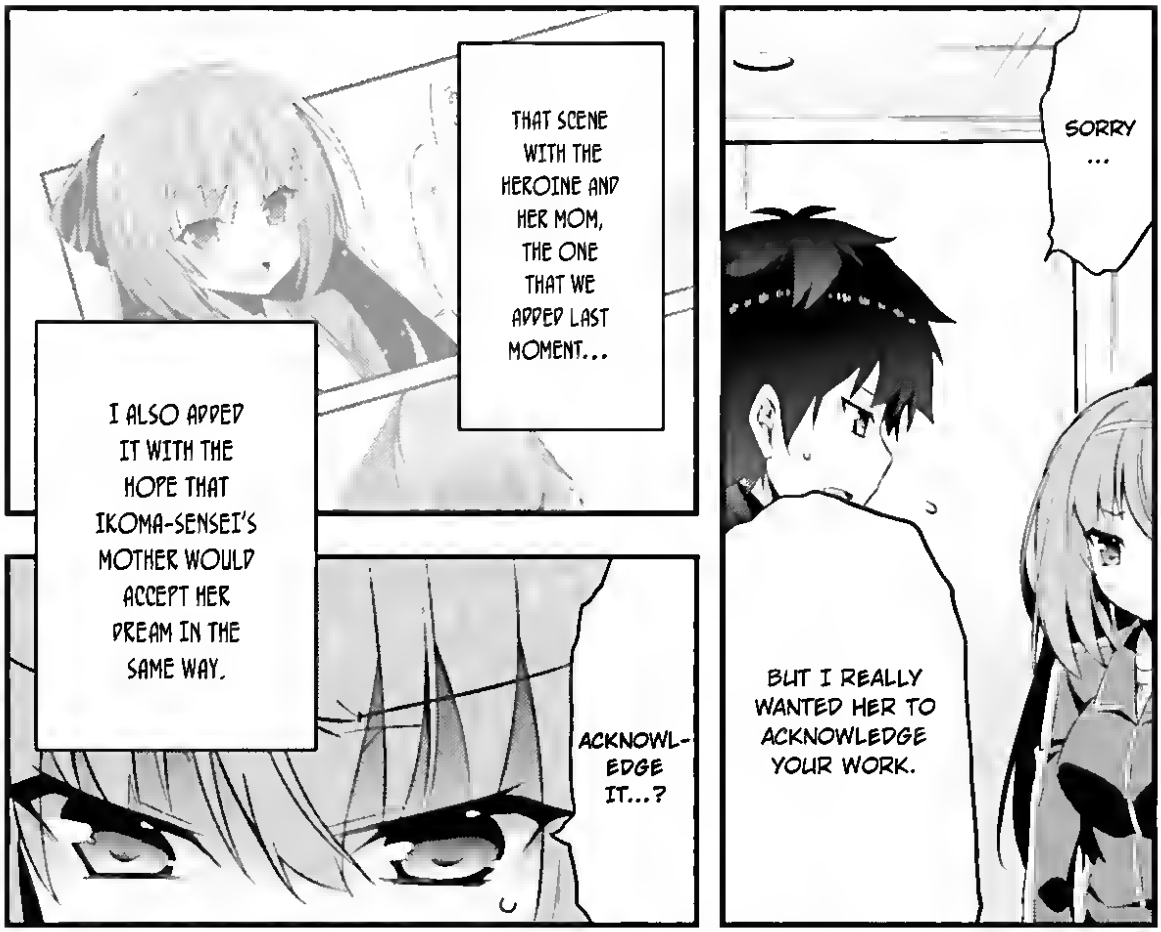
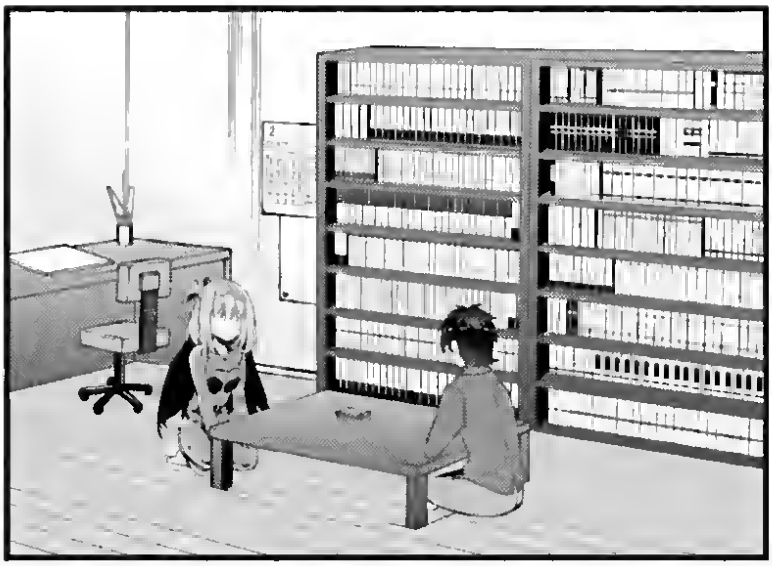
MATSURI.
IF YOU FAIL AGAIN IN THE FINAL POLL, YOU'LL GIVE UP AND COME BACK HOME, GOT IT?
BUT I DON'T GET WHAT'S SO APPEALING ABOUT ALL THIS.
WHO TOLD YOU TO DO THAT?!
THERE'S NO WAY SHE CAN UNDERSTAND THIS KIND OF MANGA...
IT WAS OBVIOUS SHE WOULD REACT THIS WAY...!
KIMI-JIMA...
YOU SENT THIS? TO MY MOM...?

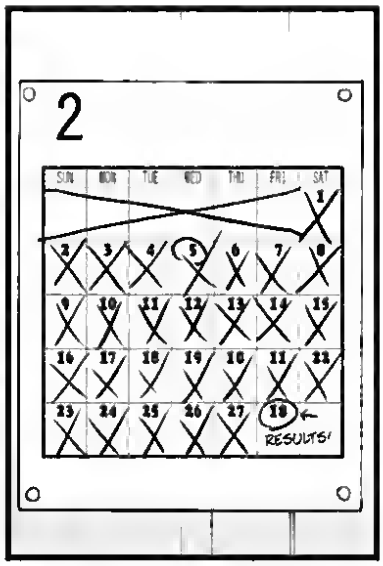

THAT SCENE WITH THE HEROINE AND HER MOM, THE ONE THAT WE ADDED LAST MOMENT...
I ALSO ADDED IT WITH THE HOPE THAT IKOMA-SENSEI'S MOTHER WOULD ACCEPT HER DREAM IN THE SAME WAY.
ACKNOWL-EDGE IT...?
SORRY ...
BUT I REALLY WANTED HER TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR WORK.

YOU SAW THAT LAST TIME, DIDN'T YOU?!
YEAH RIGHT... WHY WOULD SHE DO THAT?!
MY MOTHER DOESN'T WANT ME TO CONTINUE THIS JOB!

SENSEI...
YOU KNOW, I THINK DEEP DOWN, SHE DOES WANT TO SUPPORT YOU, IF ONLY A LITTLE.
EARLIER, SHE ASKED HOW OUR MANGA WAS DOING, RIGHT?
WHY WOULD SHE WANT TO KNOW THAT IF SHE DIDN'T CARE ONE BIT ABOUT IT?
UH...?
MY MOM...
...SUPPORT-ING MY MANGA?
WHAT A JOKE...
.....
IF WE MANAGE TO TAKE FIRST PLACE, HER MOM MIGHT ACTUALLY ACKNOWLEDGE HER, FINALLY.

THE OUTCOME ISN'T DECIDED YET.
WE CAN'T LOSE HOPE UNTIL THE END!!

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SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT
RESULTS!

BE FIRST...
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WE MUST...
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IS IKOMA-SENSEI GOING TO GIVE UP IF WE DON'T WIN THIS...?
PERSONALLY, I DON'T WANT TO.
...HLIM, IKOMA-SEN...
AND I'D LIKE TO DRAW MORE MANGA WITH HER, BUT...
YEEEES !!!
HM...
YES.
...HM.
...UH?
WHAAA AT ?!!
FEEDBACK...
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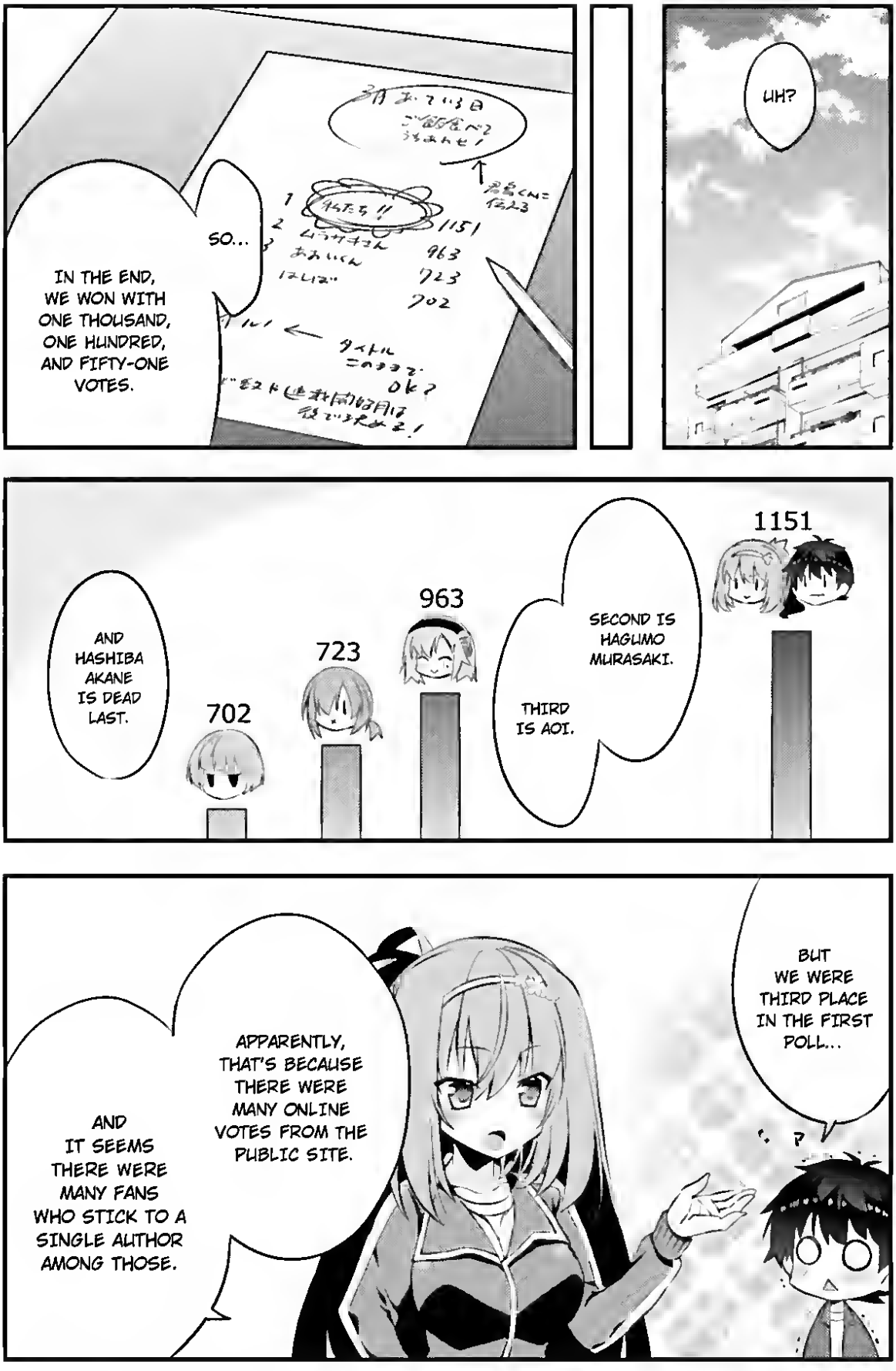
FIRST PLACE...
SHE SAID...
...HUH?


SO...
IN THE END, WE WON WITH ONE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED, AND FIFTY-ONE VOTES.
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UH?
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AND HASHIBA AKANE IS DEAD LAST.
SECOND IS HAGUMO MURASAKI.
THIRD IS AOI.
BUT WE WERE THIRD PLACE IN THE FIRST POLL...
APPARENTLY, THAT'S BECAUSE THERE WERE MANY ONLINE VOTES FROM THE PUBLIC SITE.
AND IT SEEMS THERE WERE MANY FANS WHO STICK TO A SINGLE AUTHOR AMONG THOSE.

FROM WHAT I HEARD, THE COMMENTS ON THE CARDS OFTEN PRAISED THE STORY AND CHARACTERS.
THEY FOUND THAT THE TWO MAIN CHARACTERS HAD STRONG PERSONALITIES...
Whew
I SEE...
BUT WHEN THE POLL CARDS CAME IN...
OUR SERIES SUDDENLY GOT A LOT MORE VOTES FROM THE MAGAZINE'S READERS.
AND GENERALLY LIKED THE SCENE WITH THE MOTHER.
SERIAL-IZA-TION...
...!
SHE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE US TO DINNER AND CELEBRATE.
AND SAID THAT, BEFORE TALKING ABOUT SERIALIZA-TION...
SAOTOME CONGRATULATED US.

HMPF, NOT THAT I EVER DOUBTED IT.
YEP, WE WON.
THAT'S RIGHT. THANKS TO THIS, IKOMA-SENSEI AND I WILL BE ABLE TO START A SERIES.
I HAD DREAMED OF IT SO MUCH...!
HELLO, EMILY?
IKOMA-SENSEI.
I WOULD LIKE YOU TO COME WITH ME SOMEWHERE, IF YOU DON'T MIND.
HUH? WHY NOW OF ALL TIMES?
BUT BEFORE THAT...

PLEASE.
IT WON'T MEAN
ANYTHING IF
I DON'T GO THERE
WITH YOU!
.....
WHAT'S
THIS ALL
ABOUT?